

were arrested and imprisoned for taking part in the Freedom March: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—

(1) condemns the current Belarusian regime;

(2) further condemns the arrests of Anatoly Lebedko, Nikolay Statkevich, and Valery Shchukin;

(3) is gravely concerned about the disappearances of Viktor Gonchar, Yuri Krasovsky, Yuri Zakharenka, Tamara Vinnikova, and other members of the opposition;

(4) calls for immediate dialogue between President Lukashenka and the Consultative Council of Belarusian opposition and the restoration of a civilian, democratically elected government in Belarus;

(5) calls for a duly constituted national legislature, the rule of law, and an independent judiciary;

(6) urges President Lukashenka to respect the human rights of all Belarusian citizens, including those members of the opposition who are currently being illegally detained in violation of their constitutional rights;

(7) further urges President Lukashenka to make good on his promise to hold free parliamentary elections in 2000;

(8) supports the appeal by the Consultative Council of Belarusian opposition parties to the Government of Russia, the State Duma, and the Federation Council for a cessation of support for Lukashenka's regime;

(9) calls on the international community to support the opposition by continuing to meet with the legitimately elected parliament; and

(10) calls on the President of the United States to continue to—

(A) fund travel to the United States by the Belarusian opposition figures;

(B) provide funding for the nongovernmental organizations in Belarus; and

(C) support information flows into Belarus.

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, in 1996, President Alexander Lukashenka imposed a new constitution on Belarus that effectively destroyed its nascent democracy and returned that country to a Soviet-style police state. Human rights violations are routine and living conditions are deplorable because of the stagnant economy. Opposition leader Simyon Sharetzky fled to Vilnius, Lithuania.

The situation in Belarus has worsened dramatically in recent months for remaining members of the opposition. Some have disappeared, including Viktor Gonchar, Yuri Krasovsky, Yuri Zakharenka, and Tamara Vinnikova. Some have been arrested for taking part in the October 17, 1999 "Freedom march," including Anatoly Lebedko, Chairman of the Committee for International Affairs of the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus, Nikolay Statkevich, leader of the Social Democratic Party, and Valery Shchukin, Deputy of the Supreme Council.

Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia are very concerned about the direction Belarus has taken under the Lukashenka regime. Belarus' economy is apparently imploding, and neighboring countries are concerned about regional instability. Our recent experience with Slobodan Milosevic's Yugo-

slavia should make us all concerned about the implications of a ruthless dictator threatening stability in Europe.

Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia have successfully transformed themselves from Soviet-dominated Communist states to fully democratic market democracies integrated with the West and Western institutions. We must be sure that Belarus does not threaten the remarkable progress these stalwart countries have made in only 10 years since the fall of the Soviet empire.

Also troubling is a draft treaty that may be signed before the end of the year between Lukashenka and President Yeltsin to effect a political union between Russia and Belarus. All Western countries should be concerned that such a union would only hurt efforts to shore up Russia's economy and strengthen its fragile democracy.

That is why my colleague, Senator CAMPBELL, and I join together today to a resolution condemning the actions of the Lukashenka regime. This resolution—a companion measure to one introduced by our colleague in the House of Representatives, Representative SAM GEJDENSON—condemns the Lukashenka regime, the arrest of opposition figures and the disappearance of others; calls for a dialog between Lukashenka and the opposition, the restoration of a democratically-elected government and institutions; calls on the U.S. President to fund travel by Belarusian opposition figures and for non-governmental organizations in Belarus and to support information flows into Belarus. I call on my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring this resolution. •

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT OF 1999

FEINGOLD AMENDMENT NO. 2779

Mr. FEINGOLD proposed an amendment to amendment No. 2748 proposed by him to the bill (S. 625) to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 5, strike all after "(23) and insert the following:

"under subsection (a)(3) of the commencement or continuation of any eviction, unlawful detainer action, or similar proceeding by a lessor against a debtor involving residential real property—

"(A) on which the debtor resides as a tenant under a rental agreement; and

"(B) with respect to which—

"(i) the debtor fails to make a rent payment that initially becomes due under the rental agreement or applicable State law after the date of filing of the petition or within the 10 days prior to the filing of the petition, if the lessor files with the court a certification that the debtor has not made a payment for rent and serves a copy of the certification to the debtor; or

"(ii) the debtor's lease has expired according to its terms and (a) or a member of the lessor's immediate family intends to personally occupy that property or (b) the lessor has entered into an enforceable lease agreement with another tenant prior to the filing of the petition, if the lessor files with the court a certification of such facts and serves a copy of the certification to the debtor:

"(24) under subsection (a)(3) of the commencement or continuation of any eviction, unlawful detainer action, or similar proceeding by a lessor against a debtor involving residential real property, if during the 1-year period preceding the filing of the petition, the debtor—

"(A) commenced another case under this title; and

"(B) failed to make a rent payment that initially became due under an applicable rental agreement or State law after the date of filing of the petition for that other case; or

"(25) under subsection (a)(3), of an eviction action based on endangerment of property or the use of an illegal drug, if the lessor files with the court a certification that the debtor has endangered property or used an illegal drug and serves a copy of the certification to the debtor"; and

(4) by adding at the end of the flush material at the end of the subsection the following "With respect to the applicability of paragraph (23) or (25) to a debtor with respect to the commencement or continuation of a proceeding described in that paragraph, the exception to the automatic stay shall become effective on the 15th day after the lessor meets the filing and notification requirements under that paragraph, unless the debtor takes such action as may be necessary to address the subject of the certification or the court orders that the exception to the automatic stay shall not become effective or provides for a later date of applicability."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, after the 10 a.m. vote, to conduct a markup in Dirksen Room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PANDA TRIBUTE

• Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I share with my colleagues some very exciting news coming out of my home state of Georgia. Earlier this month, two giant pandas, Lun Lun and Yang Yang, were delivered safely by UPS from Beijing, China to their new home at Zoo Atlanta after a 17-hour global journey.

Zoo Atlanta Director Dr. Terry Maple "signed" for the special delivery during a welcoming ceremony at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport with more than 200 dignitaries and